



ST MARY'S PARISH CONCORD

PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY

5 APRIL 2020

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Year A

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-7

I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 22

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me.

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:6-11

Jesus humbled himself. Therefore, God highly exalted him.

GOSPEL: Matthew 26:14-27:66

The Passion of Jesus Christ, the Lord.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for those who have recently died: Maria Franco and Francesca Sanfilipo.

We pray for those in many places who have died as a result of the COVID-19 virus, for their families and all who mourn for them.

We pray for all those who are sick.

We pray for the health workers who care for the sick.

**NSW Government Public Health
(COVID-19 Places of Social Gathering)
23 March 2020**

All churches must remain closed.

No Masses or public devotions can be held until further notice. The parish regrets that it is not possible to use the church for private prayer.

SOME RESOURCES FOR MASS AND FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION

EASTER SUNDAY and GOOD FRIDAY on Free-to-Air TV: Catholics around Australia will be able to watch the services at St Mary's Cathedral in Sydney live on national television. **The Seven Network will stream The Lord's Passion at 3 pm on Good Friday and Easter Sunday Mass from 10.30 am across the country on Channel 7 and on Prime 7 in regional areas, and live-streamed on 7plus. Both liturgies will be broadcast commercial-free and in their entirety.**

THE MASS ON PASSION SUNDAY Watch Mass online or on TV. There are many places now streaming Mass. **GO TO WEBSITE of The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney www.sydneycatholic.org** On the Home page there is a WATCH HERE button that gives links to churches that are live streaming. As well as the Good Friday and Easter Sunday celebrations being televised by Channel 7, **St Mary's Cathedral** will also be live-streaming Passion Sunday Mass at 10.30 am; Holy Thursday (9 April) Mass of the Lord's Supper at 6.30 pm; Good Friday (10 April) Stations of the Cross at 10 am and the Easter Vigil (11 April) at 6.30 pm

The Sydney Archdiocese website also lists and provides a link to other parishes that are live-streaming Sunday Mass and in some cases weekday Masses and other devotions.

SACRED SCRIPTURE Set aside a time each day to read the Bible by taking a book, such as one of the Gospels or the Psalms, and working your way through it together. Pause and reflect on the passage. Use **Lectio Divina** when reading a bible text – this is explained in **Universalis** (see below) and also on the Jamberoo Abbey website.

THE ROSARY is a prayer that a family can easily recite together or can be said by those living alone.

APPS and PODCASTS: For those with access to a smart phone or a computer, the following Apps and Podcasts may help families and individuals to set aside time for prayer.

The Examen is a daily reflection that aims to help us to review how God is present in the ordinary moments of life. It is done at the end of the day and is inspired by the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola.

Search iTunes or other platforms for the following podcasts:

The Examen with Fr James Martin SJ This 18 minute Podcast offers a guided reflection from the American Jesuits

We Wonder Lent is a 12 minute Podcast offering a daily reflection suitable for children. The one limitation is that it is from America and has references to the American seasons.

Universalis is an App that will give you the texts of the Mass of the day and the Liturgy of the Hours (Morning and Evening Prayer). It is available for Apple, Android and Windows. There is a small once only cost to buy the App.

PRAYER: There are many different Websites and Apps that offer prayer and reflections. Some are Australian others are from other countries:

Jamberoo Abbey, Benedictine Nuns in NSW -

<https://www.jamberooabbey.org.au/prayer>

Pray as you Go - <https://pray-as-you-go.org/> (also an App) offers a daily Scripture reading and prayer

The God Minute - <https://www.thegodminute.org/> (also an App) invites us to pause for a minute during the day.

Sacred Space - <https://www.sacredspace.ie/> (also an App) comes from Ireland and offers a daily reflection and prayer in a range of languages.

PROJECT COMPASSION: It is still possible to contribute to Project Compassion. Envelopes and boxes can be left at the Parish Office. You can also donate by phoning 1800 024 413 or visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion

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